

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A master disc carrying specific information according to an array of ferromagnetic films on a base surface, the master disc being used for recording a magnetized pattern corresponding to the array of the ferromagnetic films in a ~~magnetic slave~~ disc through application of a magnetic field with the master disc closely contacting ~~the magnetic a slave~~ disc, and provided on one principal ~~plane~~ surface with a radial land portion where the array of the ferromagnetic film is formed and a concave portion ~~against adjacent~~ the land portion, wherein the land portion and the concave portion are formed such that the land portion is joined with ~~the~~ a surface of the magnetic a slave disc positioned on the principal surface while the concave portion is not contacted with the surface of ~~the magnetic a slave~~ disc ~~when the magnetic disc is overlapped positioned on the principal plane surface~~, and a space ~~surrounded~~ defined by the a surface of the magnetic a slave disc positioned on the principal surface and the concave portion is open to air at a ~~peripheral end portion~~ circumference of the magnetic a slave disc positioned on the principal surface.
2. (currently amended) The master disc according to claim 1, wherein the land portion is formed to reach an area outside a position corresponding to ~~the peripheral end portion a circumference of the magnetic a slave disc when the magnetic disc is overlapped positioned on the principal plane surface~~.
3. (currently amended) The master disc according to claim 1, wherein the land portion is formed to be inward of a position corresponding to ~~the peripheral end portion a circumference of the magnetic a slave disc when the magnetic disc is overlapped positioned on the principal plane surface~~.
4. (currently amended) The master disc according to claim 1, wherein the land portion is formed to be outward of a position corresponding to an internal circumferential end portion of

~~the magnetic~~ a slave disc when the magnetic disc is overlapped positioned on the principal ~~plane~~ surface.

5. (currently amended) The master disc according to claim 1, wherein a diameter of the master disc is larger than that of ~~the magnetic~~ a slave disc positioned on the principal surface.

6. (original) The master disc according to claim 1, wherein the difference in level between the land portion and the concave portion is in the range between 3 micrometers and 100 micrometers.

7. (original) The master disc according to claim 1, wherein the difference in level between the land portion and the concave portion is in the range between 3 micrometers and 50 micrometers.

8. (currently amended) The master disc according to claim 1, wherein, in the case where ~~the magnetic~~ a slave disc to be positioned on the principal surface of the master disc is a 3.5 inch hard disc, an inner diameter of an area on the principal ~~plane~~ surface where the land portion is formed radially is in the range between 25.1mm and 28.0mm and an outer diameter of the area is in the range between 95.1mm and 97.0mm.

9. (original) The master disc according to claim 8 having an outer diameter in the range between 99.5mm and 100.0mm.

10. (currently amended) A method for manufacturing a ~~magnetic~~ slave disc comprising: overlapping positioning a master disc according to claim 1 on a ~~magnetic~~ slave disc, applying a magnetic field while generating airflow in a space formed by the ~~magnetic~~ slave disc and the concave portion of the master disc by exhausting from a central side of the ~~magnetic~~ slave disc and performing a preformat recording of a magnetized pattern corresponding to the array of the ferromagnetic film of the master disc in the ~~magnetic~~ slave disc.

11. (new) A master disc in contact with a slave disc, the master disc carrying specific information according to an array of ferromagnetic films on a base surface of the master disc and being used for recording on the slave disc a magnetized pattern corresponding to the array of ferromagnetic films through application of a magnetic field, and provided on one principal surface with a radial land portion where the array of ferromagnetic films is formed and a concave portion is defined adjacent the land portion, wherein the land portion and the concave portion are formed such that the land portion is contacted with a surface of the slave disc while the concave portion is not contacted with the slave disc, and a space defined between the surface of the slave disc and the concave portion is open to air at a circumference of the slave disc.